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IN THE APPLICATION OF: Jeng H. Hwang et al.
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FOR: METHOD FOR ALLOWING A STABLE
POWER TRANSMISSION INTO
A PLASMA PROCESSING CHAMBER

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1763
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§ EXAMINER: Allan W. Olsen
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AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

This Amendment "B" is in response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, having a shortened period of response through August 6, 2004. A Petition for a one month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment "B", extending the time for response through September 7, 2004 (due to the holiday).

Claims 1, 3 - 5, 7 - 17, and 19 - 38 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1, 3 - 5, and 10 - 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,531,834 issued to Ishizuka et al.

Claims 1, 3 - 5, 8, 10 - 15, 17 and 19 - 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,690,050 issued to Doi.

Claims 1, 3 - 5, 8 - 17, and 19 - 38 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,515,984 issued to Yokoyama et al., in view of US Patent 5,735,993 issued to Yoshida.

Please amend the application as follows.